

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Bertrand LEROUX, et al.  
Application No.: 10/582,259  
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Title: Staged Combustion Method Using a Low-Oxygen Gas  
TC/A.U.: 3749  
Examiner: Chuka Clement NDUBIZU  
Docket No.: Serie 6439  
Customer No.: 40582

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 18, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 18, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.